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ELECTRICALLY DRIVEN VEHICLE

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

Please preliminarily amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please insert the following paragraph at page 1, line 1:

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-- This application is a continuation of 08/801,531 file on February 18, 1997.--

Please replace the paragraph starting at page 7, line 20, with the following paragraph:

Another method of mounting the motors for the present invention is disclosed in United States Patent No. 5,924,504 entitled "Suspension Drive Unit Assembly for An Electronically Driven Vehicle." Another mounting of the motor relative to the axle of the wheel hub is disclosed in United States Patent No. 5,878,830 entitled "Space Saving Connection for Electric Drive Motor to Wheel Hub."

A marked up copy of this paragraph is attached as Appendix A.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 1-22 and add the following new claims.